

WOMEN AND HEALTH

Today's Evidence, Tomorrow's Agenda

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Structure of the presentation



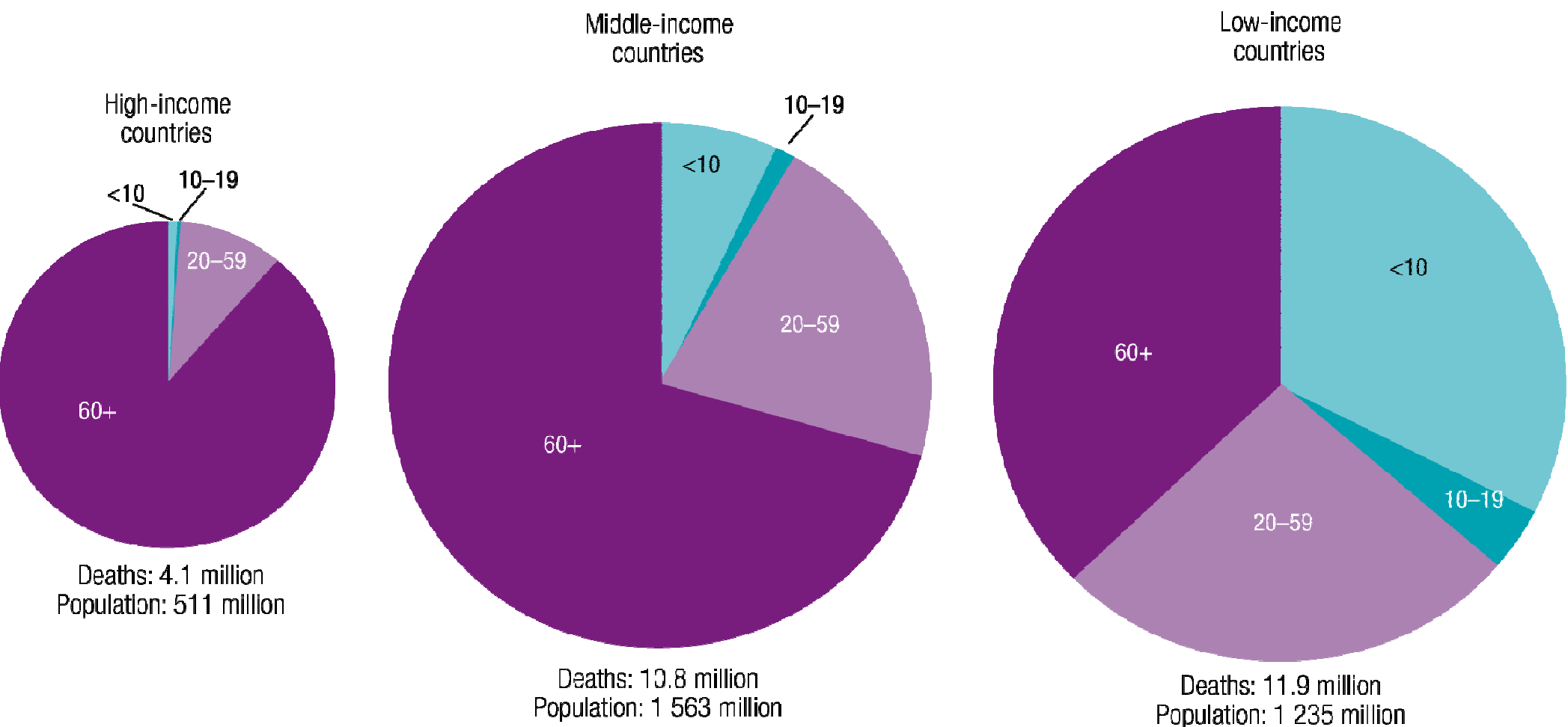
Context of Women's Health

Key Findings

- **Increasing life expectancy**
- **The health transition**
- **Health systems continue to fail women at key stages in their lives**
- **Widespread inequities between countries and within countries**

Women in high income countries live longer and healthier lives

Female deaths by age group and country income group, 2007



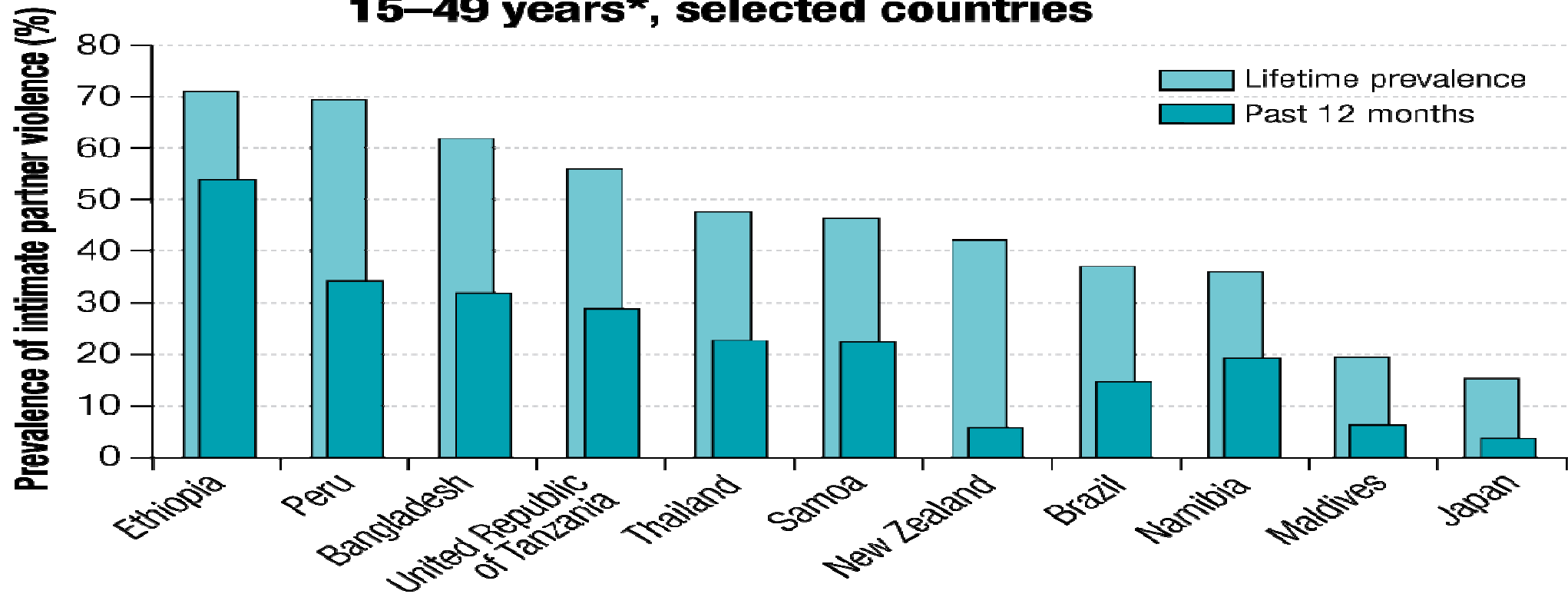
Source: World Health Organization.

Key Findings

- **Sexuality and reproductive health are central to women's lives**
- **Chronic diseases, injuries and mental health carry a heavy toll**
- **A fair start for all girls and adolescents is critical for the health of women**
- **Ageing, a story of neglect**
- **Violence against women is widespread**

Violence against women is common worldwide

Prevalence of physical or sexual violence, or both, by an intimate partner among women aged 15–49 years*, selected countries



*In Japan and New Zealand, the age group was 18–49 years.

Note: Data drawn from specific provinces or cities, except for Maldives and Samoa.

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A shared agenda for women's health

- **Building strong leadership and a coherent institutional response**
- **Making health systems work for women**
- **Leveraging changes in public policy to build healthier societies**
- **Building the knowledge base and monitoring progress**

WHO's delivery on women's health 2010-2011

- **WHO taking the report forward across the organization: push on MDG's 4,5 and 6**
- **Dissemination and Advocacy**
- **Policy Dialogues at regional level with country implementation**
- **Strategic linkages and partnerships**